



Caltrans District 4 Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC)
October 15, 2014 1:30 – 3:30 PM
Meeting Summary

Members Present (including teleconference attendees):

Eric Anderson, City of Berkeley
Brad Beck, Contra Costa Transportation Authority
Matthew Bomberg, Alameda County Transportation Commission
Mike Costanzo, Napa County Bicycle Coalition
Adam Foster, Contra Costa County Resident
Andrew Hart, Solano Transportation Authority
Bert Hill, San Francisco Bicycle Coalition
Lauren Ledbetter, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Rick Marshall, Napa County Public Works Department, D4 BAC Chair
Bruce “Ole” Ohlson, Bike East Bay, Contra Costa County resident
Mike Sallaberry, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency
Jean Severinghaus, Marin County Resident
Robert Tidmore, San Francisco Resident

Non-Members Present (including teleconference attendees):

Beth Thomas, Caltrans District 4 Bicycle Coordinator and BAC Liaison

Agenda Item #1: Welcome and introductions

A quorum was reached.

Agenda Item #2: Agenda review

BAC members reviewed the agenda. No changes were made.

Agenda Item #3: Public comment

No public comments were made.

Agenda Item #4: Review and approval of summary of July 2014 meeting

BAC members reviewed and approved the July 2014 meeting summary.

Agenda Item #5: Announcements: Passage of Assembly Bill 1193 & next steps for Caltrans, CA Traffic Control Devices Committee (CTCDC) recommendation of 3-foot passing sign

Beth provided an overview of AB 1193 with discussion and questions from BAC members. Rick provided an overview of the new 3-foot passing sign, including clarification on the optional “State Law” attachment.

Agenda Item #6: Presentation and comment on Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Bikeway Proposal

Project team representatives presented concepts for the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge Bikeway proposal and peak period use lane. BAC members asked questions and provided feedback on the design concepts and cross-sections. The BAC passed a motion to support the overall concept and to recommend increasing the number of pathway bulbouts, providing 24-hour access, if deemed appropriate, and to oppose restricting bicyclists with alternating travel directions.

Agenda Item #7: Discussion of guidance for bicycle lanes on steep streets and September 2014 California Highway Design Manual (HDM) revisions

Beth provided an overview of previous HDM guidance, which discouraged placing bike lanes on steep streets, but does not appear in the current HDM. She explained that the California Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC) passed a motion at their October meeting in support of restoring this language in the HDM. BAC members discussed issues with the current and proposed guidance, including the lack of nuanced language or consideration for cyclists of all abilities. The BAC passed a motion to submit an opinion to CBAC in support of revising the HDM language to consider the needs of all cyclists including those who may not feel comfortable going the speed of traffic. One BAC member opposed.

Agenda Item #8: Review of draft proposed guidance for bicycle signal faces developed in part from District 4 BAC recommendations

BAC members briefly reviewed draft proposed guidance for bicycle signal faces.

Agenda Item #9: Report on items submitted by Caltrans to the CTCDC and subsequently recommended by CTCDC for inclusion in the 2014 CA Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices: buffered bicycle lanes, bicycle lane markings through intersections, contra-flow bicycle lanes on one-way streets

A brief summary was given on items recommended by the CTCDC.

Agenda Item #10: Topics for next meeting, announcements and information sharing

Items recommended for the next meeting include:

- Officer elections
- Discussion of conflicts between motorists making right turns at intersections and both bicyclists and pedestrians trying to cross

- Discussion of conflicts at freeway crossings
- Caltrans response to AB 1193 implementation inquiry

Mike made an announcement regarding the upcoming National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) Conference in San Francisco.